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superintendent was obliged to go away the next morning without seeing the pupil who, evidently feeling that she would be discharged, left the hospital without telling anyone that she would not return. Since then she has applied to several training schools for admittance and has even written her former superintendent for recommendation of allowance of time. She is not an immoral girl. She is younger than the average pupil, and evidently accepted the invitation when in a state of weariness and rebellion against hospital discipline, which most pupils feel some time during their training. It is impossible to reinstate her in the school without impairing the discipline, but if she is accepted into another school, graduated and registered, the pupils of the first school will justly feel that the nursing profession has no standards in spite of its claims to high ideals. The girl, however, is young—only 20—and regrets most sincerely her action, which may be a lesson of lasting benefit, for she was very ambitious of advancement in the profession of nursing. Would it be right to admit her to another school, without credit for time already spent in training, and let her try again? Some of us who pass judgment have never been exposed to temptation. Some are endowed with the strength to resist. Are there not those who must learn by their mistakes before they can develop their full strength of character?

OBSERVER.

#### THE EXPERIENCES OF AN HOURLY DISTRICT NURSE

Dear Editor: Little did a district nurse think, as she swung up the street, that she would be soon called upon to save a life. Upon reaching the home of the patient, the family physician greeted her with words to the effect that the maternity case was not a normal one, and that there was much to be done. Several hypodermics were administered and not a little anaesthetic given, after which events happened in rapid succession. The obstetrician after a long, hard siege, which no one can appreciate unless he understands this profession, called for water with which to baptize the infant, and sank exhausted upon the nearest object, which, fortunately, was a chair, exclaiming, "The child is dead!" Imagine if you can, the startling effect these words had on the prospective father, who had waited long and patiently for a son, only to see him snatched away, as he then thought, by the hands of Death. The nurse, taking in the situation, and being very human, asked the physician if she might try artificial respiration. "Anything, but it will be of no use," was the discouraging reply; but she went to work. After what seemed many minutes, she was rewarded by a faint choked sound, and feeling that this was a good omen, she called for hot and cold water, and dipped the child in each alternately. A few more minutes passed, but finally the babe gave one long cry. Needless to say, this acted as a stimulant upon the doctor, who at once came to the assistance of the nurse. As all good stories end, so shall mine. The doctor was delighted and the entire family joyous. They paid not only what was asked, but twice the amount, and I think that the gratitude shown by these people could be echoed by many, many others, who have been benefited by visits from the district nurses.

New Hampshire

M. T. H.

#### THE RELIEF FUND

Dear Editor: I thought you might be interested to know the result of my labors for the Relief Fund. At the annual meeting last October I presented the matter and received \$60. One nurse paid for five years. The first of December I forwarded \$40 to the treasurer. I did not ask for contributions during December, as the nurses usually need their money at that time. The first of February

I forwarded \$20, and on the first of March I was able to forward \$43. I have on hand at this time \$5. I do not use postage to send leaflets to nurses whom I can see personally, but at each monthly meeting of the District Association I speak of it. One nurse gave \$10 after an appeal was made at the Public Health Conference. The response from sending out leaflets is not nearly as good as is the response from personal appeals,—nurses are so apt to procrastinate. I have a small book in which I record all the names and addresses of those who contribute. A very few would of their own accord send in the dollar next year. I feel that by having an accurate list of the names and addresses it will be possible to make personal appeals and obtain better results. I wonder what other states are doing about the Relief Fund.

I. R. S.

#### OLD COPIES OF THE JOURNAL

Dear Editor: I have the following old issues of the JOURNAL, which I should like to dispose of at fifteen cents a copy: December, 1918; all of 1919 except June and November; and all of 1920.

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EMMA ARA BACON.

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#### THE KANSAS CITY MEETINGS

The convention of the National League of Nursing Education held in Kansas City, Missouri, April 11-14, was a great success from the standpoint of professional inspiration and advancement. It was a hard-working session. Subjects of present interest were discussed and studied and those who attended must have taken home with them new ideas, fresh courage, and a broader view of their work.

The secretary's report of the meetings and some of the papers read will be given space in the June JOURNAL. Other papers will appear as there is space for them both in the Department of Nursing Education and in the body of the JOURNAL.